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CREATION.

Queſtion.

WHo made thee?

Anſwere.

a God.

Q. What is God?

A. He is b Almightie, the c maker and d gouernour of all things.

Q. Wherefore did he make thee?

A. e To ſerue him.

Q. How oughteſt thou to ſerue him?

A. f As he hath appointed in his lawes.

Q. Which be they?

A. g God ſpake all theſe wordes, and ſaid, Thou ſhalt haue none other Gods before me, &c

Q. Canſt thou fulfill all theſe Commaundementes without breaking anie one of them?

A. No, though I doe all that I can, yet I breake them euery daye, in h thought

a Iſay 44.2 Pſal. 139. 13.14.15

b Gen.17.1 Iere. 32.18 19.

c Gen. 2.4. 5. Iſay 44.24.

d Iere. 10.23. prou.21.30 31.

e Deut. 10. 12. Ioſhu. 22.5

f Deut. 12. 32. Pſal. 119.4 Of the Law

g Exod. 20 Deut. 5.6

h Matth.15. 19.

Rom. 7. 18 19. thought, word, and deede.

Q. What punishment is there appointed for the breach of these commaundements.

i Deut. 27. 26. mat. 25. 41. *A.* i The curse of God, which is eternall destruction both of bodie and soule.

Redemption.

Q. By what meanes then shalt thou escape this punishment?

k Gal. 3. 13. col. 2. 14. 15. *A.* k Onely by Jesus Christ.

l Mat. 17. 5 heb. 1. 2. 3 m Phil. 2. 8. heb. 5. 7. 8. 9 *Q.* What is Jesus Christ?

A. He is the l eternall sonne of God.

Q. What hath he done for thee?

A. Hee m suffered the torments of death for me.

n Isa. 9. 6. Rom. 9. 5. 1. Tim. 2. 5. phil. 2. 6. 7. o Rom. 4. 25. 1. Pet. 2. 24. *Q.* Christ Jesus was God, and how then could he die?

A. Christ Jesus was both n God and o man, and in that hee was God, hee could not die: but being man, hee died p for my sinnes, and rose againe to make me righteous.

Of Faith.

q Iohn. 3. 18 36. acts. 13 48. r Ephe. 3. 12 col. 2. 5. 7. s Ephes. 3. 17 *Q.* Are all men then saued by his death

A. No, none are saued, q but such as lay hold on him by a liuely faith.

Q. What is a liuely faith?

A. A liuely faith is a r full perswasion of my s heart, grounded vpon the

t promises of GOD: that whatsoeuer Christ hath done for the saluation of mā, he hath done it as well u for me as for any others.

Q. Where is the sum of your faith?

A. In the Creede: I beleeue in God the Father &c.

Acts 15. 9. t Rom. 4. 18 21. heb. 11. 11 u Iohn 20. 28. Gal. 2. 30

Of Preaching.

SANCTIFICATION.

Q. How commest thou by this faith?

A. The holy Ghost doth worke it v inwardly in my heart, by the outwarde x preaching of his worde.

Q. How is this faith increased & made strong in vs?

A. y By hearing the same worde preached, and vsing the Sacraments.

v Act. 16. 14 Iohn 6 45 x Rom. 10. 14. 17. acts 11. 14. y 2. Thes 1. 3 prou. 4. 18

Of the Sacraments.

Q. What be Sacraments?

A. Sacraments be outward z signes ordeined of God, and are left as a seales and pledges of those benefits of our saluation which wee receiue in Christ to strengthen our faith.

z Gen. 17. 11. exod. 12. 13. a Rom. 4. 11. 1. cor. 10. 10. 17.

Q. How many Sacraments be there?

A. Two, b Baptisme and the Lordes supper.

b 1. Cor. 10 1. 2. 3. 4.

Q. What profite hast thou by Baptisme?

A. I beleeue that by Baptisme my

c Acts 22. 16. & 2. 38. d Ephe. 1. 7 1 Pet. 1. 2. e Heb. 10. 22 Acts 15. 9.

ſinnes are forgiuen me: for as the water doth waſh the filthe of my body: ſo I beleeue that the d bloud of Chriſt being ſprinckled vpon my ſoule by the e hande of faith, doeth waſhe mee from all my ſinnes.

f Mat. 26. 26. 27. 1 Cor. 11. 23. 24 25. g 1. Cor. 1. 30 2. cor. 5. 21 h Rom. 4. 11. ephe. 1. 13.

Q. What profit haſt thou by the vſe of the Lordes ſupper?

A. As I receiue the f bread and wine into my body to become wholy mine: ſo I beleeue that my ſoule receiueth with all Chriſt Jeſus with g his death and righteouſneſſe to the h ſealing vp of my euerlaſting ſaluation.

i 1. Cor. 11. 28. 2. Cor. 13. 5. k 2. Thes. 2 15. 1. Cor. 16. 13. l Mat. 26. 75. 2. Cor. 7. 9 10 m Pſal. 51. 17. Rom. 7. 24. n Mat. 5. 24 Heb. 12. 14. o Mat. 18. 22

Q. Seeing that they which receiue theſe myſteries vnworthily, eate and drinke their owne condemnation: how oughteſt thou to prepare thy ſelfe to the right receiuing of them?

A. Firſt I muſte i examine my ſelfe whether I k ſtande ſtrongly in the true faith of Jeſus Chriſt or no.

Secondly, whether I find my heart l inwardly greeued for my ſinnes with an m hatred and lothing of the ſame.

Thirdly, if any offence bee betwixt others and mee, that I n reconcile my ſelfe vnto them, and o forgiue them e-

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ken as Christ hath forgiuen me. Colo. 3. 12 13.

Q. Is not prayer a speciall meanes to increase our faith. Of Praier

A. Yea it is p a speciall helpe.

Q. How ought est thou then to pray? p Acts 4. 29. 31. Luke 17. 5.

A. Onely q to God in the name of Iesus Christ. q Iohn 16. 23. Iames. 1. 5.

Q. What forme of prayer wilt thou most? r Mat. 6. 9. Luke 11. 2.

A. That which the r Lorde Iesus taught his Apostles.

Q. What is that?

A. Our father which art in heauen, &c

Q. Howe vnderstandest thou this prayer?

A. This prayer conteyneth fiue petitions: whereof the first three are appointed onely to Gods glorie: the other three belong vnto vs, wherein wee aske things necessarie both for soule and bodie.

Finis.

OPen our eyes O Lord that wee may see the wonderous things of thy law: that by them as by a glasse we may see our owne weakenesse, and by our weaknes our wickednesse, and

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by them both our accurſednesse: then cauſe thy ſweete comforts and conſolations conteined in thy Goſpell, to ſhine into our ſoules, by a true and a liuely faith in Chriſt Ieſus: beſeeching thee that our drie and ſtonie hearts, may by the ſweete dewes and ſhowers of thy heauenly ſpirit, be ſo moiſtened and ſoftned, that as good ground they may euer be yeelding forth good fruit to the glorifying of thy name, to the ſuppreſsing of ſinne, and increaſing of vertue, through Chriſt our Sauiour, Amen.